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SUBJECT: IIR 6 947 0054 05/TAJIK BORDER GUARD ASSESSMENTS (U)

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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 947 0054 05.

COUNTRY: (U) TAJIKISTAN (TI)

IPSP: (U) IFC1116; IFC1139; IFC2230; IFC2540; IFC2550; IFC2330.

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DOI: (U) 20050504

REQS: (U) DHCD1110547; DHCD111052; DHCD111053; DHCD111045;
DHCD111044; DHCD045061; U-UDX-1130-040-04.

SOURCE: (C) //6 947 0024// RETIRED WESTERN MILITARY OFFICER
CURRENTLY WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH DIRECT
ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION. USDAO HAS AN ESTABLISHED
RELATIONSHIP WITH SOURCE. CONTEXT STATEMENT - RO AND SOURCE MET
IN AN INFORMAL SETTING BUT REPORT ITSELF WAS PASSED ON AN
OFFICIAL BASIS. SOURCE IS AWARE THAT INFORMATION WILL REACH U.S.
GOVERNMENT.

SUMMARY: (C) REPORTS PROVIDE ASSESSMENT OF TAJIK BORDER GUARD
FORCES IN THE GORNO-BADAKHAN AUTONOMOUS REGION ALONG THE
TAJIK-AFGHANISTAN BORDER AND OF THE TAJIK BORDER GUARDS MORE
GENERALLY. REPORTS ARE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF CURRENT BORDER GUARD
CAPABILITIES. ENCLOSURES.

TEXT: 1. (C) SOURCE VISITED THREE INTERNATIONAL BORDER
CROSSING POINTS AND SEVEN BORDER POSTS ALONG THE TAJIK-AFGHAN
BORDER. NONE OF THE CROSSING POINTS OR POSTS HAD AN OPERATIONAL
VEHICLE, BACKUP POWER, OR IT EQUIPMENT AND THOSE FEW EQUIPPED
WITH RADIOS HAD TO FLAG DOWN CIVILIAN VEHICLES TO TRAVEL TO THE
NEAREST VILLAGE TO CHARGE THE RADIO BATTERIES.

12. (C) THE FOLLOWING BORDER CROSSING POSTS WERE VISITED:
DARVOZ //GEOCOORD: 3827.25N/07049.668E//,
KHOROGH (TEM) //GEOCOORD: 3731.717N/07130.282E//,
ISKASHIM //GEOCOORD: 3701.262N/07127.856E//.

13. (C) THE FOLLOWING BORDER POSTS WERE VISITED:
ISKASHIM - 3KM NORTHWEST OF CROSSING POINT, HOUSES CROSSING
POINT BORDER GUARDS;
YOGET //GEOCOORD: 3820.884N/07036.719E//;
VISHKARV - LOCATED ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DARVOZ AND
THE DASHTAK BORDER POST;
DASHTAK //GEOCOORD: 3828.215/07101.076E//;
SHITZ - LOCATED ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN DASTHAK BORDER POST AND
TOWN OF KHOROG;
SOKHCHARV //GEOCOORD: 3743.320N/07133.218E//;
ANDARAK //GEOCCORD: 3714.092N/07128.939E//;

14. (C) SOURCE OBSERVED ON AVERAGE TWENTY FIVE PERSONNEL PER
BORDER POST, INCLUDING PERSONNEL ON PATROL, COMPARED TO THE
AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF BETWEEN 150 AND 200.

15. (C) BASED ON THIS VISIT AND SOURCES OVERALL EXPERIENCE WITH
THE BORDER GUARDS, SOURCE CONCLUDED THAT "THE 'GREEN
BORDER' [I.E. THAT AREA OF THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER BETWEEN
RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSING POSTS] IS ALMOST
TOTALLY UNPROTECTED."

COMMENTS: 1. (C//REL TO USA, GBR AND AUS) FIELD COMMENTS. WHILE
SOURCE MAY AT TIMES BE IMPOLITIC IN HOW HE STATES HIS CASE, HIS
ASSESSMENTS ARE BASED ON FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVABLE,
VERIFIABLE QUANTIFICATIONS. THE REPORTS DETAIL JUST HOW
DIFFICULT A CHALLENGE COLONEL ZUHOROV FACES IN BUILDING
A COMPETENT BORDER PROTECTION FORCE.

12. (U) SOURCE IS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER CONTACT.

13. (U) DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS IIR TO DIA/DHO-2 AT
STU III (703) 907-0235, OR DSN 283-0235.

INSTR: (U) U.S. NO.

PREP: (U) 6-04797.

ENCL: (C) TO FOLLOW - 2 ENCLOSURES.

1. MEMORANDUM, "SPECIAL REPORT - PILOT ZONE 1"(U), 1 COPY, 33
PAGES, 20050504 (C).

2. MEMORANDUM, "TAJIK BORDER FORCE - THE NEED FOR AN ASSESSMENT
IN ORDER TO SOLVE ITS MYRIAD DEFICIENCIES" (C), 1 COPY, 5 PAGES,
20050519 (C).

ACQ: (U) DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN (20050708)

DISSEM: (U) FIELD: EMBASSY AT DUSHANBE.

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